➔ Proper treatment of patients and isolation of cases in the hospitals.

➔ Quarantine of close contacts.

➔ IEC campaign focusing on restriction of mobility, immediate reporting to health facility in case of fever etc. and reassuring the public not to panic.

Population Policy

2226. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that though India adopted a population control in 1950s, there has been no effective check on the rate of growth of poulation over the last 25 years;

(b) whether any special plan of action has been or is being worked out since the population crossed the 100 crore mark;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the contemplated population policy for the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) "No population control policy" was adopted in 1950's. However, India started a national programme emphasizing family planning to the extent necessary for reducing birth rates "to stabilise the population at a level consistent with the requirement of national economy". After 1952, sharp decline in death rates were, however, not accompanied by a similar drop in birth rates.

The census figures of the last four decades indicate a perceptible decline in recent years, in the growth rate of the population of India.

Decade	Growth Rate
1961—71	2.20%
1971—81	2.22%
1981—91	2.14%
1991—01	1.93%

While in absolute terms the population of India has increased by 180.6 millions during the decade 1991-2001, however, the change in net addition has shown a steady declining trend starting from 1991. Undoubtedly a combination of the population momentum and the method mix widely adopted for fertility regulation has ensured that the net additionally is on the decrease.

India adopted a comprehensive and holistic National Population Policy (NPP) in February 2000 with clearly articulated objectives, strategic themes and operational strategies. Certain National Socio Demographic Goals to be achieved by 2010 have been formulated with the objective of achieving population stabilisation in the country by 2045.

Availability of life saving drugs

2227. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand of some of the CGHS beneficiaries for Bilocompine Nitrate 2 per cent Minims eye drug certified as life saving drug by the specialist of AIIMS, New Delhi, which was to be imported, is pending for more than two months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take for ensuring timely availability of this life saving drug for the CGHS beneficiaries in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.